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MINUTES.

The "NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE" met, pursuant to adjournment, at Pope's Chapel, Granville county, N. C., Oct. 6th, 1858, and was called to order by A. G. Anderson, when, on motion, Elder B. N. Hopkins was called to the Chair.

On motion, Elders Thomas J. Fowler, Solomon Apple, Wm. N. Bragg, and Bros. C. H. Winfree and Stephen H. Turner were appointed a Committee to recommend officers for this Conference. After retiring a short time they reported: For President, Elder B. N. Hopkins; for Vice-President, Elder S. Apple, and for Assistant Secretary, John Faucett. Report adopted.

On motion—

Resolved, That the following brethren, Elders Wm. B. Wellons, Wm. H. Doherty and Chastien Allen, and Bro. Jno. N. Manning, be invited to take seats with this body during its present session.

On motion—

Ordered, That Elder J. McCulloch deliver the annual address on to-morrow, at the opening of Conference.

The list of Elders and Churches being called, the following members appeared and took seats in Conference:

Elders Present—J. I. Hobby, R. G. Tinnen, W. N. Bragg, A. Apple, S. Apple, J. McCulloch, T. J. Fowler, J. W. Wellons, A. Iseley, G. G. Walker, A. Franks, H. B. Hayes and B. N. Hopkins.

Licentiates Present—L. C. Madison, A. G. Anderson and D. T. Deanes.

Delegates Present—Henry Apple, R. Maynard, L. L. Lambeth, J. McKeel, M. McCauley, J. W. Pritchard, J. O. Cogwell, C. E. Askew, John Pierce, H. Hazwell, J. Bland, W. Bland, W. Gunter, T. Lynch, S. H. Turner, L. Mabry, J. J. Jenkins, S. Barbee, M. Murchison, A. Way, J. A. Turrentine, W. Winston, W. Pierce, C. Sandling, A. S. Boyd, John Faucett, E. F. Watson, B. Hazell, B. McCray, H. Graham, C. H. Winfree, C. Ledbetter, J. N. Ferrell, Nasa Boon, J. Wharton, W. Goodwin, W. A. Love, J. M. Gunter, B. J. Blackly, T. Winston, M. Brown, D. Thomas, A.

Austin, D. Fuquay, R. Burroughs, P. Tuck, M. McWilliams, P. R. Hardin.

The following Churches were represented: Apple's Chapel, Bethlehem, Damascus, Fuller's, Good Hope, Hank's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Mount Auburn, O'Kelly's, Pleasant Hill, Pope's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Providence, Union, Alamance, N. C., Union, Halifax, Va., Zion, Bethel, Pleasant Grove, Shallow Well, Oak, Level Moore, Union, Wake Chapel.

Unrepresented Churches.—Brown's Chapel, Concord, Christian, Union, Mount Bethel, Park's ⋈ Roads, Pleasant Ridge, Shallow Ford, Shady Grove, Shilo, Zion Hill, Antioch, Christian Chapel, Pleasant Springs, Acorn Ridge, Holt's Factory, Reece's Vests, Wilmington, Liberty Grove, Sharon, Lebanon, Salem, Pleasant Hill, in Johnson county.

On motion, a letter from Midway Church, Granville county, N. C., was received and read, asking permission to unite with the Conference. On motion, said church was received.

On motion, Wm. N. Bragg, M. C. Winston and S. H. Turner were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session of Conference.

On motion of A. Apple—

Resolved, That Elder Chastien Allen, of the Methodist Protestant Church, be received as a member of this Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by A. G. Anderson.

THURSDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder R. G. Tinnen. The President announced the following Committees:

On Ordination—Elders A. Isely, T. J. Fowler, R. G. Tinnen, A. Apple, J. W. Wellons and W. H. Doherty.

On the Standing of the Ministry—S. H. Turner, C. H. Winfree, T. Lynch and Nasa Boon.

On Temperance—Elders Chastien Allen, M. Murchison and B. McCray.

On Sunday Schools—Elders J. I. Hobby, J. A. Turrentine and L. L. Lambeth.

On Education—Elders Wm. H. Doherty, A. G. Anderson and Dr. H. Graham.

On the Itinerancy—Bennett Hazell, L. L. Lambeth, J. W. Pritchard, John Pierce, Thos. Lynch, J. J. Jenkins, W. Winston, J. N. Ferrell, W. Goodwin, B. J. Blackly, A. Austin, R. Maynard, C. H. Winfree, J. O. Cogwell, Wm. Gunter, S. H. Turner, A. Way, A. S. Boyd, Nasa Boon, J. M. Gunter, M. Brown, J. A. Turrentine and Robert Burroughs.

The hour having arrived for the delivery of the annual address, Elder J. McCulloch proceeded to deliver the address to a large audience.

Dear Brethren, Sisters and Friends:

In obedience to an appointment of the last Conference, it now becomes my duty to give to Conference information of the state of the Church, and recommend to their consideration such measures as I judge to be necessary.

But first and above all, our thanks are due to a good and benevolent God, for the numerous benefits which he has bestowed upon his people, and our united prayers ought to ascend to him that he may continue to bless his Church and the world.

Since the adjournment of last Conference, our people have enjoyed an unusual degree of health. But, notwithstanding the portion of health that we have enjoyed, death has made a breach in the ministerial ranks, and has taken from among us one of earth's best men. Rev. S. G. Evans, whose name I cannot pass lightly, has gone from labor to his reward in heaven. He was truly an exemplary Christian—an humble, noble-hearted man—and was one of the self-sacrificing ministers who have worn themselves out in the service of their Master. How different must be his condition around his Father's throne in heaven, from those ministers who are wearing themselves out after the god of this world.

I purpose bringing up the business matter of Conference for your consideration in a tangible form; and I would say here, my brethren, and especially to the clergy, that a church like ours ought to be very careful about transacting the business of the church. We have no human creed, and hence the idea has gone out into the world that we have no system or way of doing the business of the church, forgetting that we have the Bible, and if it is what it claims for itself, and all should be willing to give to it, we have all that is necessary.

2 Tim. 3 : 16, 17 : All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

If a man is thoroughly furnished in doctrine, reproof, correction and in instruction unto all good works, is there any thing incomplete?

But this is not the point to which I am hastening. I wish to see the business of this Conference done in a business, Christian-like manner. The committees should bring up able reports,—show their own people what they are for, and why they are for it. Let me here allude

to an evil in our Conference. It is this : Our committees pass through Conference, and come up with an assertion or two and a resolve, without explaining the subject at all. Hence, the world is left to conjecture whatever it may be disposed ; and we, by way of an apology, will say through the organ of the church, that we were so pressed for time, that we could not do as we wished, owing to that fact. Now, an enlightened public will not receive this. Let all labor to present an able report, for you have the ability, and show to the world what you are for and why you are for it. I would suggest the appointment of some committees that we have not heretofore appointed in our Conference :

1. On Book Concern.
2. On Periodicals.
3. On Memoirs.
4. On the Bible Cause.
5. On the Tract Cause.
6. On Necessitous Cases.
7. On Finance.

The first committee is one of importance, and in connection with the book concern, as we are, it ought not any longer to be neglected. This subject is worthy of your most thorough investigation. Here plans are to be devised for future success. The second is like every thing else connected with the church. Here we take into consideration the labors of our Editor, and while he is actively engaged in his labor of love, show him that we are not forgetful of his unturing zeal ; that we do feel a deep interest in his happiness, and the advancement of our paper under his editorial care. Here we can investigate the plan of publication, and if we deem best, recommend changes or such measures as we think will conduce to the good of our periodical. The publishing interest of the church should be well looked to. It has been said by a great man that the Press is the mighty lever by which the moral influence of the world is propelled.

MEMOIRS.

A want of a committee of this kind has deprived us, as a denomination, of a large amount of information which would have been of great service to the Christian Church. We see and feel this evil, and let us provide better for the future.

We hope that the Committee on Education will take a proper view of this all-absorbing subject. That the wants of our people require that we should act differently in this matter must be apparent to all. They must and will educate their sons and daughters, and we must make arrangements to meet their wants and keep up with the advancement of the age. We would say here that your committee on education would do well to give you a detailed account of the present prospects of Graham Institute. We point you to this Institute, where the Trustees have made arrangements for the education of your sons, daughters and wards. We urge it upon you to patronize this your

own institution. Every inducement will be held out by the Trustsee to make this school worthy of your highest expectation. The time has come when it is expected for us to act our part in the great educational enterprises of the day.

A COMMITTE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

All the denominations of the day are doing something for this grand enterprise. We too, have done something, but have not paid that attention to it which its merits demand and our position requires. It is more incumbent upon us than any other branch of the Church of Christ, to push forward an exterprise of this kind, for the simple reason that we are the only denomination known in ecclesiastical history that has said that the Bible is the only discipline that the church needs. Then, if we believe what we say, should we not lend a helping hand to the Bible cause, and help to push it on, or are we to remain dormant on a subject of such magnitude? Surely not.

A COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL ADDRESSES.

This is a subject that has employed some of the greatest minds for ages. The great Apostle to the Gentiles thought it very important. We find by his letters to young men in the ministry something of this kind. It has certainly suggested itself to most of you. You see at once the importance of giving a young man all the help you can. This is sanctioned both by the Prophets and Apostles.

A COMMITTEE ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

As the Southern Convention have seen fit in their wisdom to establish a book concern, we would recommend the Conference to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the publication of Tracts. We consider the dissemination of religious knowledge by means of tracts as a powerful auxiliary to ministerial efficiency. Tracts containing sound pointed religious truth, open the way of the preached word to many a heart which otherwise would be closed against the most persuasive eloquence.

NECESSITOUS CASES.

This, my brethren, is a subject that has been hitherto overlooked by us as a denomination. Notwithstanding its vital importance, we will show the evil that has and will grow out of negligence of this kind. When God calls a young man of the Christian Church to preach the Gospel, and he obeys that call while he is young and has no family to care for, he can get on with a small salary; but when he has the wants of a family to provide for, he looks back and sees how other men who have sacrificed every thing for the church, have left their families often in want. And it is natural for him to suppose that if he does not make arrangements for the future wants of his own, they will not be provided for. Hence he is put to the painful necessity of engaging in some worldly employment to live and meet the wants of his household

as God requires, and without which he cannot be a consistent christian. Is there no remedy for this evil in the church? We answer in the affirmative. It is this: We can go to work and create a church fund that is to be applied exclusively to worn-out ministers, their widows and orphans. You may think that I want too much, but some denominations do this, and are you less able or less willing? Let us not be so contracted in our views as to refuse a good thing that has been embraced by others. Hence there are good plans in which all denominations may harmonize. We see the effects of this in the Methodist Episcopal Church. See, when they start a young man out to preach the Gospel of Christ, he goes to work to promote the interest of their church and the cause of God. Why does he do this? One reason is, he knows that, in proportion to the advancement of the church by his labors, in the same proportion he promotes the cause of his support. We will now see its working. Their ministers are ready at any time to take their families and go any where. All they ask is enough to live. Why is this? They know if they wear themselves down, their wants will be supplied. If they die, the church has provided for their families. The question is asked, have we not a church fund of this kind, and why it is that it has not been held up before our people? Where does the fault lie? I turn to you, my clerical brethren, and ask if you have presented the subject before your respective churches with the earnestness that the case demands? I regret to say that you have been unfaithful stewards. Again, who is expected to attend to these matters? The ministers, of course. It is expected for them to go forward in every thing connected with the church. It is not worth while, however, to say more on this subject until we have men who will do what they know duty calls for. But put this thing to work and attend to it, you will see the number of your ministry increasing year after year. This committee ought, by all means, to be one that would give this subject the most thorough investigation. It has claims alike upon all. This is a call for something that God has blessed us with to assist those who are really objects of Christian benevolence. Who is more so than that old veteran of the cross who is going down the steep of time, full of years and careworn—the widows and orphans—those characters of whom there is so much said in the Book of God? That it is the duty of the church to make their condition as comfortable as is practicable, must be obvious to all. God requires it; humanity calls for it, and the religion of Christ will cause the church to respond to a call of this kind when presented properly.

A word here in the conclusion of these remarks upon the support of the ministry. The support of your ministers has been neglected to the injury of the church. This has always been the case when a denomination failed to do their duty in this respect. The Waldenses in the 12th century considered it a disgrace when it was said of them that their ministers had to labor for a support. This was in the 12th century, what is known to be the dark age of the world. And if it brought the church into disrepute at that time, is it unreasonable to say that it has injured it in this age of advancement. God just as

much intended, when he instituted a living ministry, that they should live by preaching as that the farmer should live by cultivating the earth.

A COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

That there should be a change in our method of managing this matter, is clear to my mind. We would recommend the Conference to appoint a committee, and that that committee look out a field of labor and select some minister and recommend him to the Missionary Society. If this matter is attended to in this way, we can go to work in the way of missions at once; but let it be overlooked year after year, and it will militate very much against our missionary efforts. We would suggest further that the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society shall give you a detailed account of the financial condition of the church, so far as it concerns missions.

At the beginning of the Conference year, October 24, 1857, there was in the hands of the Treasurer, $371.90. The influx into the Treasury up to October 5, 1858, is $479.15, after paying a debt of 79 dollars and 75 cents, with interest for two years, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $388.12. You now have men and means before you.

A word in the conclusion of these remarks. There are other committees that we would do well to appoint, but I have already consumed more time on this subject than I intended. I hope that the Conference will give these subjects the attention that they should have.

In conclusion, I will say a few words concerning the church and its principles, then I am done. In doing this, it will not be my object to vilify or show that others are wrong, but it will be to show that we are right in taking the Word of God as our book of discipline. When James O'Kelly left the M. E. Church and took the Bible as his book of faith and practice, we cannot now properly appreciate this grand step made by him in the religious world. The principles espoused at that time by this man of God cannot be objected to only by the aspirant for his own church dogma. But the ball is in motion, and we pray God that he may continue it until all men take the Bible and appreciate it as they ought. What is the Bible? It is the Book that was written under God's immediate instruction. It is the great spiritual light of the world. As the sun enables us to behold objects literally, and as we are enabled to distinguish by the light of the sun and make our way from place to place, so by this book we can discover good from evil. The liberal principles of the Christian Church, taking the Bible as they do, and being willing to meet all denominations upon this broad Heaven-originated platform as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and that it is the only sure guide, is admitted by every orthodox denomination of the present age. It is having a mighty influence over the minds of the intelligent and thinking part of men. See, in 1793, when our fathers left the mother church, we were few in number. Under the blessing of God we now number thousands. He is blessing us with men of the first order of talents. That Divine Revelation is nowhere to be found or expected but in the Scriptures of the New and Old Testaments, and there it is. It is true there was

religion and Divine Revelation before there was any written word, but to argue from thence that the Scriptures are not now all that is necessary for the church, is as absurd as it would be to argue that the world might do well enough without the sun; because, in the creation, the world had light three days before the sun was made. That all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, 2d Tim. 3: 16, and who dare pretend to describe that inspiration, or tell us what we shall or shall not believe. Thou shalt speak with my words, saith the Prophet, Ez. 3: 4. That the Holy Scriptures were not only designed for our learning but are the settled standing rule of our faith and practice, by which we must be governed now and judged shortly. It is not only a book of general use to us, but it is of sovereign and commanding authority; the statute, too, of God's kingdom, which our oath of allegiance to him as our supreme Lord, binds us to the observance of. Whether we will hear, or whether we will forbear, we must be told that this is the oracle we are to consult, and to be determined by; the touchstone we are to appeal to, and try doctrine by; the rule we are to have an eye to, by which we must in every thing order our affections and conversation, and from which we must always take our measures. This is the testimony—this is the law which is bound up and sealed in the counsels of Deity, the word according to which if we do not speak, it is because there is no light in us. The making of a light within our rule, which by nature is darkness, and by grace is but a copy of and conformable to the written word, is setting the judge above the law and making the traditions of the church with the Scriptures, is no better. It is making the clock which every one concerned puts backward or forward at pleasure, to correct the sun, that faithful measurer of time and days.

There are absurdities which, being once granted, thousands follow as we see by sad experience. And here I might adopt, almost verbatim the language and sentiments of the venerable translators of our present version, and say,—What scriptural piety can there be without saving truth—what saving truth without the word of God; and what word of God have we whereof we may be certain without the Holy Scriptures? The Scriptures can make us wise to salvation; if ignorant, they will instruct us; if out of order, they will reform us; if in sorrow or affliction, they will comfort and console us; if dull and careless, they will arouse and quicken us; and if cold, they are the fuel which increases the spiritual fire in our hearts to make them burn by the way. One ancient Father says,—"Whatsoever is in the Scriptures, believe me, is high and divine. There is variety, truth and a doctrine most fit for the refreshing and renewing of men's minds, and truly so tempered that every one may draw thence what is sufficient for him if he come to draw with a devout and pious mind as the Scripture requireth." Another renowned Father says—"Love the Scriptures, and wisdom will love thee." Another venerable name, in writing against Julian, boldly asserts to the Imperial Apostate that even boys, bred up in the Scriptures become most religious. The ancients spoke much of the Philosopher's Stone, the touch of which turned baser metals into gold; but the word of God

is better than thousands of gold and silver; it is better than rubies, and all things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. They wrote of their Cornucopia, which contained in it all things necessary for food, but the Bible is an exhaustless store-house of the choice aliment for the immortal mind of man. They praise their herb called Panacea, because good for all diseases, but the Holy Scriptures are not only an herb but a tree—yea, a paradise of trees of life yielding fruit every month for meat, and leaves medicine sufficient for the healing of all nations. They lauded their drug called Catholicon, because they held it superior to all other remedies; but the word of God is the true Catholicon which not only cures but prevents the return of all diseases of the soul. And they sung in triumph of Vulcan's armor as proof against every enemy and every weapon; but the Bible discovers the whole armor of God, replete with weapons both offensive and defensive, by which we may put the enemy to flight and save our souls.

The Holy Scriptures are not merely a well but a river of the water of life, not only ankle deep for new learners to dabble in, but deep enough and wide enough for the most profound theologians to swim in without ever touching bottom or shore. They are a bed of the goodliest pearls, and the deeper we dive into the sea of divine revelation the larger, more beautiful and more costly they are. They are a mine of the purest gold and the most soul enriching treasure, but the command of the owner of the field where this treasure lies hidden is, Search the Scriptures, (not human creeds,) and this we must do, as miners do for gold, if we mean to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom of God. The book of God is a casket of the rarest and richest gems which bespangle the soul of the wearer, rendering it most brilliant in the eyes of Christ—even like a bride adorned with her jewels.

One ancient Father compares the Bible to an apothecary's shop filled with all manner of preservatives against poisoned heresies, and a pandect of most profitable laws against rebelling spirits. In a word, as the song of Solomon is the song of songs, and as the Lord Jesus is the King of kings, so the Bible is the Book of books.

The Bible has revealed the sublime system of Christianity to man; it has organized every Christian congregation: educated and inducted to office every Christian minister. This wonderful book has the largest circulation, and is read in more languages than any single book in the universe. It has exercised the greatest talents of the greatest men the great God ever made. It has soared infinitely above the loftiest intellect of the most far-reaching and discriminating metaphysician. It has proved a master-piece to the eagle-eyed astronomer—to the profoundest geometrician. It has proved to the whole learned Christian world that the indispensable science of mechanics is the geometry of motion. It gave the renowned Boerhaave his celebrity as a physician; constituted Sydenham the father of modern Medicine, and its light discovered to the celebrated Harvey the circulation of the blood.

The Bible gave to Sir Isaac Newton the title of the link between angels and men, and compelled the German philosophers to proclaim

him to the world the most profound and perfect geometrician ever known. It illuminated the fame of George Washington with such a constellation of shining virtues so attractively blended as to force his transatlantic reviewers to pronounce him the purest of patriots, the ablest of generals, and the modest violet blooming in the wilderness. Its heaven-descended doctrines overthrew Voltaire, the great enemy of Christ, and all the infidels of that infidel age, and of every age since the Bible was revealed to our world: and its ineffable and effulgent light brought the critical and logical John Locke to the conclusion that "God is its author, Truth without mixture of error its matter, and Salvation its end." Who would want any other discipline?

The learning of the Bible is the most varied and profound—its history the most ancient and interesting—its works of art the most exquisite and astonishing—its specimens of musical science the most simple, sweet and celestial that ever vibrated on the human ear; its imagery the most flowing, gorgeous and diversified that ever entertained created fancy; its poetry the most elevated, holy and ecstatic, that ever inspired the human soul. In perfection of eloquence the Bible can have no competitor.

No uninspired orator could ever be found to compare with the prophet Amos. The epic grandeur of Milton, and the entrancing raptures of the immortal Homer retire behind the curtain of midnight if compared in eloquence with that single stanza from the lips of the inspired herdsman of Tekoah.—Am. 4 : 13. Nor can a specimen be selected from the productions of any rhetorician or philosopher, from the far-famed Aristotle to the elegant Dr. Blair, which in beauty and force will compare in the smallest measure with the inspired speech of Abigail to David.—1 Sam. 25 : 23–31.

The convincing and enlightening power of the word of God produced the great Reformation of the 16th century. The greatest of the reformers and he who in reference to his coadjutors in that stupendous enterprise was styled Melancthon, all and in all, thus writes in relation to the Bible:

"The Scripture is its own interpreter, judging and illustrating all things. Why is this? Because its origin is from heaven. 'Tis from heaven, not from earth; the author is God, not man; the inditer the Holy Ghost, not merely the uninspired wisdom; the form is God's word—the matter all truth and righteousness, and the effects light, pardon, peace, holiness and eternal life.

Resolved, That the address of Elder J. McCulloch be referred to a committee of three to report thereon as early as practicable.

Whereupon the chair appointed E. F. Watson, A. G. Anderson, A. Iseley the said committee.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine into the character and standing of any ministers who may wish to join this Conference during its present session.

Whereupon the chair appointed Elders S. Apple, T. J. Fowler, and A. Apple said committee.

A petition was received from the church, at Utley's school house, praying to be received into Conference. Petition received and adopted.

A petition from Mt. Carmel Church, Stokes county, praying to be received into Conference, was received, read and adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report upon the letters from the various churches of Conference, giving a statistical account of the same; and also the churches that have had the benefit of pastoral preaching during the past Conference year, with the names of the pastors.

Whereupon the chair appointed H. B. Hayes, J. I. Hobby, P. Tuck, said committee.

On motion, Elder E. W. Beale, of the Eastern Virginia Conference, was invited to take a seat in this body during the remaining part of the session.

The committee on the character and standing of any ministers who may wish to join this Conference, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

Your committee appointed to examine into the character of any ministers who may present themselves for membership to this Conference, report Wm. H. Doherty, late of the Miami Christian Conference, Ohio, presents himself, and states that he was a member of said Conference five years. That at the last session was President of that body, and only resigned when he left Ohio to come south.

In addition to the above, we having been referred to Elder Wm. B. Wellons, we learn that in 1854, Elder Doherty was in good and regular standing with the church and Conference. Elder Wellons has no hesitation in recommending him to this or any other Conference, as a Christian minister in good standing.

SOL. APPLE, Chairman.

On motion, Elder Wm. H. Doherty was duly received as a member of this body.

On motion, Elder Joseph B. Hinton, of Raleigh, was also received, and his name enrolled as a member of this Conference.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to recommend a suitable course of study for young men to pursue, who wish to engage in the ministry, and who have not had the advantage of a theological education.

Whereupon the chair appointed Elder W. H. Doherty, A. Iseley and H. B. Hayes, the said committee.

On motion, the hour of 10 o'clock to-morrow is set apart for the reception of the report of the committee on education.

The committee on Temperance submitted the following report, which was read and adopted.

REPORT.

We, the committee on Temperance, beg leave to report:

Being fully aware of the delicate position we occupy, knowing that the minds of all men are not agreed upon this subject, the prejudice of education with individual interest has prevented some from giving their support to the great temperance reform, while others have seen the light and are rejoicing in it. Having examined the subject thoroughly, we are fully convinced that its use as a beverage is one of the greatest evils with which our country is cursed. We regard it as one of the greatest hindrances to the success of the gospel and the greatest of all injuries to the church of Christ. In view of which we offer the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we, as a body of Christians, disapprobate the manufacture, sale and use of ardent spirits as a beverage; and most earnestly entreat our brethren every where to join with us in discountenancing its manufacture, sale and use as a beverage.

2d. *Resolved*, That the pastors of churches and itinerant ministers be earnestly requested to deliver at least one discourse at each of their appointments on this subject during the Conference year.

Respectfully submitted, CHASTIEN ALLEN.

On motion—

Resolved, That Elders W. H. Doherty, J. McCulloch, H. B. Hayes, B. N. Hopkins and J. W. Wellons be appointed delegates to represent this Conference in the next session of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

On motion—

Resolved, That J. J. Hobby and T. Lynch be appointed delegates to represent this Conference in the next session of the Georgia Conference.

Resolved, That Solomon Apple, P. R. Hardin and John Faucett be appointed a Conference Committee for the ensuing Conference year.

Resolved, That we respectfully request all the churches in this Conference to take up a collection for defraying the necessary expenses of Conference, and send the amounts to each annual Conference.

On motion Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning, subject to the call of the President.

Singing and prayer by Elder A. Iseley.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Singing and prayer by Elder A. Apple.

The Committee on Education submitted the following report, which was read, and after an able address on the subject of education and the mode of instruction adopted by the Speaker in the Antioch College, Ohio, and more recently in the Graham Institute, N. C., the report was adopted.

The Committee on Education report that they deem it unnecessary to recommend the general subject of education to this Conference because our people are already deeply interested and fully alive to its paramount importance. The age and country demand a higher degree of instruction than has hitherto been attainable among us, and the interests of our denomination demand that provision be made for high school and collegiate instruction within the bounds of our own church, in order to save our children from the prevailing influence of sectarianism.

The committee would therefore direct the attention of Conference to the Graham Institute, which has reopened under favorable auspices, and recommend that a Committee of Conference be appointed to co-operate with the Trustees of the Graham Institute, and take prompt and efficient measures for placing it on a permanent basis, and rendering it an institution of learning useful to the country and creditable to the Christian denomination.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. DOHERTY, *Chairman.*

Whereupon, on the recommendation of the committee, the chair appointed the following committee: W. H. Doherty, E. F. Watson and T. J. Fowler, to confer and co-operate with said Trustees.

The Committee on the Annual Address of Elder J. McCulloch submitted the following report, which was read and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the address of Elder J. McCulloch beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee are aware of the responsible position they occupy, having been assigned a duty heretofore unknown in the history of our Church legislation. In the organization of our churches and Conferences, we are differently situated from that of any other denomination now in existence. We have, as has been often remarked, no head except Christ. Hence, all our Conference legislation only results in advisory measures to the various local churches, to be adopted or rejected by them at their pleasure, and we are sorry to say, that subjects of the most vital importance to the success of our glorious principles of Christian liberty are neglected both by our ministers and

churches, often to the great detriment of both. An efficient ministry is necessary to the success of any great denominational enterprise, and one great reason why no better success has attended our efforts at a more perfect system of organization and plans of operation is, that our ministers are deficient in energy in carrying out in their fields of labor, the various plans and duties imposed upon them by the Conference, whose servants they, to some extent, are. We, however, hope a brighter day is about to dawn upon our church, and the day is not far distant when we can have it to say, our cause as a denomination is onward and upward, and that the hallowed principles which distinguish us as a branch of the church militant, are sooner or later to become the distinguishing characteristics of Protestant Christianity.

The able address which it was the pleasure of Conference to listen to, contains much, in the opinion of your Committee, that is of interest to the church, and suggestions are there made which, we think, require acting upon by this body, and not only acting upon here, but which should be carried out by us when we return to our respective homes and fields of labor, which may be assigned us by this Conference.

The first subject of importance claiming the attention of your committee, is the death of Elder S. G. Evans, which has occurred since your last annual meeting. He was one of the most humble and exemplary ministers of your body, but the Great Disposer of all things has seen proper in his wisdom and goodness to remove him hence. At your last meeting, he was with you, though feeble, yet ready to aid you with his advice and counsel; but, alas! he is no more. His rich and clarion voice has been silenced, to be heard no more by us until we meet him around our Father's throne, where we shall again unite with him in singing endless praises to God and to the Lamb.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, in the dispensation of Divine Providence, our much esteemed brother, Elder S. G. Evans, has been taken from the labors of earth to the rest of heaven, since the last meeting of this body, of which he was a worthy and efficient member, therefore,

1st. *Resolved*, That while we mourn our loss, we rejoice in his gain, and will bow with humble submission and reverence to the will of our Father in heaven, and always pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

2d. *Resolved*, That this preamble and resolutions be published with the minutes of this Conference, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the widow of our deceased brother, with an assurance that we deeply sympathize with her in her great bereavement.

Your committee would further recommend the appointment of the following committees:

1st. A Committee to devise means for the relief of worn-out ministers and their widows and orphans, who may be left in a destitute condition.

2d. A Committee on Home Missions.
3d. On Finance.
4th. On Periodicals.
5th. On Memoirs.

That much yet remains to be done by us, all must admit. Therefore, let us all feel that we have a work to perform, and resolve to do the work assigned us not only with a commendable zeal, but with that alacrity and delight which should ever distinguish the true and faithful servant of God.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. F. WATSON, *Chairman.*

In pursuance of the recommendations in the above report, the Chair appointed the following Committees:

On Home Missions—Elders A. Iseley, Wm. N. Bragg and J. W. Wellons.

On Periodicals—Elders A. Apple, T. J. Fowler and L. C. Madison.

On Finance—Dr. J. H. Graham, J. A. Turrentine and S. H. Turner.

On Memoirs—Elder S. Apple, H. B. Hayes and R. G. Tinnen.

The Committee on the Character and Standing of the Ministers asked leave to report, which report was received, read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on the Character and Standing of the Ministry, beg leave to make the following report, viz: That we find all the ministers in good standing, except M. Owens, whose license, as we learn, has been taken from him by the church for reasons satisfactory to them, and I. Cagle has been excommunicated from the church, and J. Trolinger we find indolent and rendering no service to the church in improving his gift.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. TURNER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Ordination asked leave to report. Report received, read and adopted:

The Committee on Ordination report that two brethren previously licensed to preach the Gospel by this Conference, viz: A. G. Anderson and D. T. Deanes, were introduced to the Committee by letters of recommendation from their respective churches—that their diligence and efficiency in the ministry during the past year having been

satisfactorily proved, and their examination on matters of experimental religion and Christian doctrine being satisfactory, the committee recommend them for ordination.

W. H. DOHERTY, *Chairman.*

On motion,

Resolved, That D. T. Deanes be required to call on Isham Cagle and M. Owens, and demand of them the License granted them by this Conference.

Resolved, That Elders T. J. Fowler, J. McCulloch, W. H. Doherty, and A. Apple, form a Presbytery to set apart A. G. Anderson to the office of Elder, at Providence Church, on the third Sabbath in this month, or at some other convenient time.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report, that we find in the hands of the Conference Treasurer the sum of seventy-six dollars and sixty cents.

J. H. GRAHAM, *Ch'n.*

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted the following report, which was received, read and adopted:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that we are pained to learn that so few Sabbath Schools are now in operation within the bounds of our Conference. That many and almost all the churches are destitute of the untold blessing of Sabbath schools. We do, therefore, hope that all (and especially every minister,) will feel and act with that intense interest the great importance demands. And whenever and at every place where it can properly be done, will exert their influence to organize an efficient and well-conducted Sabbath School. We would recommend that every minister make an effort to establish a Sabbath School at every church in his charge, and make a report to each Conference of the same. This is a matter we conceive of vast importance to the Christian church, and should have some attention from our ministers. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. I. HOBBY, *Chairman.*

October 7th, 1858.

Committee on ordination report:

That they have received letters of recommendation from Christian churches requesting license to preach for the following young men, viz: J. N. Manning, P. W. Allen, J. N. Ferrell. That they have heard their religious experience, and a statement of reasons for desir-

ing license from each of them. That they have examined them individually and endeavored to ascertain their qualifications for preaching the Gospel in a useful and efficient manner, and that they recommend them to the Conference as proper and suitable candidates for license.

W. H. DOHERTY, *Chairman.*

Report read and adopted.

The committee on Missions beg leave to report:

There has nothing come before your committee upon which they are able to report to this session of your body; therefore they beg leave to have longer time. There are matters of some importance to the church, which your committee can obtain possession of, and will try and do so by the next meeting of your body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Report received and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the letters from the various churches of this Conference, submitted a report, which was read and adopted. (See Statistical Table.)

Resolved, That Elders W. H. Doherty, S. Apple and H. B. Hayes be appointed as a Presbytery, to attend to the ordination of bro. D. T. Deanes to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on destitute ministers, their widows and orphans, asked to be discharged.

Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Singing and prayer by Elder H. B. Hayes.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Singing and prayer by Elder A. G. Anderson.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to make arrangements for the printing of the minutes of this Conference, whereupon the Chair appointed Elders H. B. Hayes, J. McCulloch and J. W. Wellons said Committee.

The Committee on Periodicals submitted their report, which was received, read and adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee on periodicals are fully aware of the importance of the subject, and believe that the dissemination of truth and the propagation of Christian principles depend very much upon the success of a

religious periodical, and being well pleased with the Christian Sun, we recommend it to the patronage of all our brethren and friends every where. All of which we respectfully submit.

A. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered the brethren and friends of the Encampment, for their kindness and hospitality on this occasion.

The Committee on the Itinerancy submitted the following report, which was received, read and adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on the Itinerancy beg leave to report the following arrangement of the Itinerancy:

HAW RIVER CIRCUIT.—Jas. W. Wellons, Itinerant, to preach at the following places: Hank's Chapel, Bethel, Bells, Pleasant Spring, Wake Chapel, Christian Chapel, Pleasant Hill.

SHALLOW WELL CIRCUIT.—Jas. I. Hobby, Itinerant, to preach at the following places: Shallow Well, Moore, Union, Zion, Savannah, Pleasant Hill.

ANTIOCH CHAPEL—John N. Ferrell.

Stokes Mission, Mount Bethel, Zion Hill, Vests, Mt. Carmel—B. N. HOPKINS.

Union, Reese's Sharon, Mt. Auburn, Midway—ALFRED APPLE, JOHN N. MANNING.

Pleasant Hill, Apple's Chapel, Union—A. ISELEY.

Damascus, Mt. Zion, Liberty—G. G. WALKER.

Utley's School House, Raleigh—H. B. HAYES.

Pleasant Grove, Apple's Chapel—SOLOMON APPLE.

Agent for the Graham Institute—JOSIAH MCCULLOCH.

DEEP RIVER CIRCUIT.—D. T. Deanes, Itinerant, to preach at the following places: Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Shiloh, Christian Union, Shady Grove, Acorn Ridge, Park's ⋈ Roads, New Salem.

TAR RIVER CIRCUIT.—Wm. N. Bragg, Itinerant, to preach at the following places: Pope's Chapel, Good Hope, Oak Level, Fuller's, Damascus, O'Kelley's.

DR. JOS. B. HINTON, Raleigh.

The above is imperfect, but embraces all the churches and ministers brought to the notice of your committee.

Respectfully submitted, B. HAZEL, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of Conference submitted his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CONFERENCE FUND FOR 1858.

	Amount in hand in 1857	$73.10	
1857.	For printing Minutes, to Wm. B. Wellons	26.37	
	Balance on hand		$46.73
1858.	Interest for 12 months		2.80
	O'Kelley's Chapel contribution		5.70
	Hank's Chapel contribution		10.51
	Tennessee		25
	Mount Auburn contribution		9.75
			$75.74

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. FOWLER, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the officers of the same, for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have discharged their several duties.

The Committee on publishing the minutes of Conference, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed to make arrangements for the printing of the minutes of the present session of Conference, beg leave to report: That they deem it advisable that the Secretary of Conference have 800 copies printed to supply the wants of the churches.

That the Treasurer of the Conference fund be required to pay for the printing of the same out of the funds in his hands; and that the preachers and other active members, when they dispose of them to the churches or individual members, refund the several amounts they may receive for the same to the Treasurer aforesaid. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. B. HAYES, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the President and Directors of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, and of the North Carolina Central Railroad, for their kindness and liberality in permitting the members of this Conference pass over their roads for fare one way.

On motion Conference adjourned with singing and prayer, to meet with the church at Union, Alamance, on Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in October, 1859.

B. N. HOPKINS, *Chairman.*

E. F. WATSON, *Secretary.*
JNO. FAUCETT, *Ass't Sec'y.*

APPENDIX.

The following are the reports of the Ministers:

A. ISELEY'S REPORT.

Preached 117 sermons; delivered 25 funeral discourses; married three couples, and baptized 10. Received $149.95.

B. N. HOPKINS' REPORT.

Preached to one church; received 15 members; organized one new church of 33 members; baptized seven; preached three funerals. Preached in all, 34 sermons.

J. W. WELLONS' REPORT.

Traveled on Haw River Circuit; preached 152 sermons; delivered 19 funeral discourses; married three couples; 120 converts on the circuit; 140 united with the church; baptized 92; traveled 3,710 miles; received $311.71.

WM. N. BRAGG'S REPORT.

Traveled on Tar River Circuit; preached 140 sermons; delivered 20 exhortations; attended 22 funerals; married three couples; 56 converted; 26 united with the church; baptized 18; traveled 3,175 miles; received $191.15.

G. G. WALKER'S REPORT.

Labored at four churches; preached 65 sermons; received 73 members; baptized 11; married six couples; traveled about 2,500 miles; received $150.

H. B. HAYES' REPORT.

Preached and lectured 50 times; organized one church of 11 members, received $5.

J. J. DODSON'S REPORT.

Preached 40 times; labored with one church; hope soon to organize three churches.

A. G. ANDERSON'S REPORT.

Preached regularly for the churches at Union and Concord.

SOLOMON APPLE'S REPORT.

Preached for two churches; preached 40 times; attended some funerals; married three couples, and have received $100.

JOSIAH McCULLOCH'S REPORT.

Preached only 12 times, owing to bad health. Have acted as Agent for the Graham Institute, and collected $1,600.

DANIEL T. DEANES' REPORT.

Preached 82 times.

SOLOMON FULLER

Traveled with Elder Wm. N. Bragg on Tar River Circuit; preached 37 times; delivered eight exhortations; received $13.

JAMES I. HOBBY'S REPORT.

Preached 60 times and received eight members in the church.

ANTHONY FRANKS' REPORT.

Preached 38 times; received six members in the church.

The other ministers failed to hand in their reports.

The following churches paid to the Treasurer the following amounts for the minutes, viz: Zion, $1; Shallow Well, 75 cents; Bethel, 60 cents; Mount Auburn, 60 cents; Union, Halifax, $1. 25; Damascus, $1; Pleasant Hill, $1.25; Oak Level, 60 cents; Christian Chapel, 85 cents; Providence, $2; Pleasant Grove, 75 cents.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.	Rec'd.	Rem'd.	Died.	Expel'd.	Total.
O'Kelley's,	T. J. Fowler, W. N. Bragg,	Joseph J. Jenkins, S. Barbee, C. S. Holleman,	12		1	3	140
Pleasant Spring,	J. W. Wellons,	Wm. Franks, A. S. Utley,	20	1	1		76
Mt. Auburn,	T. J. Fowler,	S. H. Turner, L. S. Mabry,	2				55
Pope's Chapel,	Wm. N. Bragg,	W. Pierce, W. Winston, C. Sandlin,	3	1			138
Lebanon,	G. G. Walker, S. Apple,	Henry Farmer,	6		1		48
Bell's,	J. R. Holt,	Jesse Horton, Wm. Godwin,	4				47
Pleasant Hill,	A. Iseley,	M. Murchison, T. McPherson, A. Way,	5	4	1		101
Shallow Well,	Wm. Rollins,	W. A. Love, J. M. Gunter,	7	1		5	77
Park's ⋈ Roads,	A. Iseley,	By Letter,					62
*Bethel,	J. W. Wellons,	N. Boon, S. Mitchell,	6				40
Christian Chapel,	J. W. Wellons,	J. M. Gunter, R. Pollard,	20				90
Pleas't Grove, Va.	S. Apple,	Wm. B. Farmer, A. S. Boyd,					67
Union, Halifax,	B. N. Hopkins,	C. H. Winfree, Percy Tuck,	15				117
New Providence,	T. J. Fowler, R. G. Tinnin,	P. R. Harden, J. A. Turrentine,			1	1	215
Brown's Chapel,	W. M. Craven,	By Letter,					21
Wake Chapel,	A. Franks,	A. Austin, D. Fuquay,	33	3	1	1	64
Moore Union,	J. W. Wellons,	D. Thomas, M. Brown,	2		1	1	29
Zion,	Wm. Rollins,	J. N. Ferrell, C. Ledbetter,	16	5			69
Union Ch'l, Tenn.	J. M. Minnis,	By Letter,				1	20
Antioch,	J. W. Wellons,	Wm. Guthrie, J. Johnson,	5				9
Shallow Ford,		By Letter,					59
Oak Level,	W. N. Bragg,	B. J. Blackley, Thos. Winston,	14				21
Bethlehem,	A. Iseley,	L. L. Lambeth, J. L. McKeel,		13	7		116
Hank's Chapel,	T. J. Fowler,	W. Gunter, J. Bland, W. Bland,	7	1			140
Fuller's,	Wm. N. Bragg,	J. O. Cogwell, C. E. Ascue,	3				39
Damascus,	G. G. Walker,	M. McCauley, J. Pritchard,	6				52
*Midway,	B. N. Hopkins,	R. Burroughs,					46
*Mt. Carmel,	A. Iseley,	By Letter,					36
*Utley's Sc. House,	H. B. Hayes,	Henry Utley,					11
Raleigh,	J. B. Hinton,	M. McWilliams,	14	1	3	4	108
Good Hope.	W. N. Bragg,	John Pearce, H. Haswell,	1	1	1		64
Union, Alamance,	G. G. Walker,	B. Hazel, E. F. Watson, A. King, J. Dickey, J. Faucett, Dr. Graham, B. McRae.	31				475
Mt. Zion,	G. G. Walker,	T. Lynch, Wm. Crisp,	3	2	2		75
Concord,	A. G. Anderson,						17
Liberty,							8
Pl't Hill, Johnson,	J. I. Hobby,	I. L. Jornigan,	2	1			24
Mt. Bethel,	A. Iseley,						28
Zion Hill,	D. T. Deanes,		1	1	1		19
Vest's,	A. Iseley,						17
Shady Grove,	A. Iseley,		3				37
Pleasant Ridge,	D. T. Deanes,		3				60
Shiloh, Randolph,	A. Iseley,						
Pleasant Grove,	A. Iseley,						
Acorn Ridge,	A. Iseley,						17
Apple's Chapel,	A. Iseley,	Henry Apple, R. Maynard,	2			1	100
Liberty Grove,							20
Reece's,	A. Apple,						45
Sharon,							
Shiloh, Va.							

* Received at this session of Conference.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conferences met at Pope's Chapel, Granville, Oct. 9th, 1858.

The meeting was called to order by Elder A. G. Anderson, President; prayer was offered by Elder B. N. Hopkins.

The vote was then taken, and A. G. Anderson was re-elected President, A. Iseley Vice-President, J. A. Turrentine, Secretary, Elder J. McCulloch, Treasurer.

On motion of J. McCulloch, the following were elected Directors: T. J. Fowler, M. Staley, J. I. Hobby, H. B. Hayes, B. N. Hopkins, A. Moring, B. Strowd, A. Apple, R. D. Jones, J. W. Hatch, R. G. Tinnen, and P. M. Tuck.

George G. Walker, Alfred Iseley, John Faucett, P. R. Hardin and E. F. Watson, Executive Committee.

The meeting then appointed P. R. Hardin, E. F. Watson and John Faucett to examine the report of the Treasurer, and that the same be published in the minutes of the Society.

The Chairman then appointed G. G. Walker to deliver an address on Sunday, on Missions.

Moved by E. F. Watson, that the Society take into consideration the propriety of uniting this Society with the Southern Christian Home Missionary Society.

On motion J. N. Manning, a committee of five were appointed to consider the propriety of the union of the Society with the Southern Home Missionary Society, and report at the next meeting of this body; whereupon the Chair appointed G. G. Walker, P. R. Hardin, Jas. A. Turrentine, John Faucett, A. G. Anderson, and S. Apple.

Moved, that the minutes of this Society be published with the minutes of Conference, and this Society pay for the same.

The Treasurer read his annual report, which is appended below.

A. G. ANDERSON, *President.*

J. A. TURRENTINE, *Secretary.*

REPORT

Of the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Society, made October 24th, 1858.

To amount in hand, Oct. 24, 1857	$369 90
Amount paid this day to W. B. Wellons for printing minutes	5 00
Amount in hand	$364 00

COLLECTIONS DURING 1858.

By the Treasurer		Mrs. S. B. Graves	$10 00
"	"	R. Maynard	5 00
"	"	H. C. Hurdle	5 00
"	"	J. G. Dickey	5 00
"	"	J. Albright	5 00
"	"	J. W. Hatch	10 00
"	"	L. R. Iseley	5 00
"	"	A. G. Anderson	15 00
	"	Dr. E. F. Watson	15 00
"	"	H. T. Moffitt	5 00
"	"	Thos. Sellars, Jr	5 00
"	"	Mrs. C. J. Teague	50
"	"	H. C. Trolinger	50
"	"	Mrs. S. J. Trolinger	50
"	"	Dr. T. E. Griffis	1 00
"	"	B. Gragson	2 00
"	"	I. H. Foust	50
"	"	Mrs. Mary Foust	50
By Mr. Mabry		Wm. H. Read	10 00
By G. G. Walker		M. McCauley	10 00
"	"	L. L. Deshong	5 00
By W. N. Bragg		R. H. Pulley	5 00
By S. Apple		A. A. Farmer	10 00
Bethlehem Collection			17 45
Interest on Note			4 94
Dr.			$516 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Elder A. Iseley, for service	$ 8	00
Interest on same for 2 years		96
To J. McCulloch, for services	71	75
Interest for 2 years	8	61
Paid W. B. Wellons for Printing	5	00
Blank Books for Treasurer and Secretary	4	00
	$98	32
Amount in hand	418	57
	$516	89

J. McCULLOCH, *Treasurer.*

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